

CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims as follows:

1. (cancelled) A hood extension to help venting cooking fumes and adapted to fit over an existing range hood comprising :  
a top planar surface, a peripheral flap extending from the perimeter of said top planar surface;  
retainer means to retain said hood extension over said existing range hood.
2. (cancelled) A hood extension as in claim 1 further comprising :  
a transparent window cut into said top planar surface.
3. (cancelled) A hood extension as in claim 1 further comprising :  
a peripheral flap having a front and two lateral sides made out of a soft pliable material.
4. (cancelled) A hood extension as in claim 1 further comprising :  
a peripheral flap made out of a rigid material having a front and two lateral sides and split at the corners between said front and said lateral sides to allow for folding.
5. (cancelled) A hood extension as in claim 1 further comprising :  
rounded corners on said top planar surface.
6. (cancelled) A hood extension as in claim 1 further comprising :  
a strip of magnetized material as releasable attachment means onto said existing range hood.
7. (cancelled) A hood extension to help venting cooking fumes and adapted to fit over an existing range hood comprising :  
a top planar surface, a peripheral flap extending from the perimeter of said top planar surface;  
retainer means to retain said hood extension over said existing range hood;  
an articulation at a junction point;  
a retainer means for said articulation.
8. (new) A hood extension to help venting cooking fumes and adapted to fit over an existing range hood and having a top planar surface, a peripheral flap extending from the perimeter of said top planar surface, retainer means to retain said hood extension over said existing range hood; having the following improvement:  
said peripheral flap being foldable to allow for unobtrusive storage.
9. (new) A hood extension as in claim 8 wherein:  
said peripheral flap having a front and two lateral sides made out of a soft pliable material as a means for folding.
10. (new) A hood extension as in claim 8 wherein:  
a strip of magnetized material on the underside of the top planar surface acting as retainer means to retain said hood extension over said existing range hood.
11. (new) A hood extension as in claim 8 wherein:  
a transparent window is situated into said top planar surface.
12. (new) A hood extension as in claim 8 wherein:  
there is an articulation at a junction point and a retainer means for said articulation.
13. (new) A hood extension as in claim 8 further comprising :  
said peripheral flap made out of a rigid material having a front and two lateral sides and split at the corners between said front and said lateral sides as a means for folding.

14. (new) A hood extension as in claim 13 wherein:  
a strip of magnetized material on the underside of the top planar surface acting as  
retainer means to retain said hood extension over said existing range hood.

15. (new) A hood extension as in claim 13 wherein:  
a transparent window is situated into said top planar surface.

16. (new) A hood extension as in claim 13 wherein:  
there is an articulation at a junction point and a retainer means for said  
articulation.